

June Meeting Minutes 2025

Introduction of all those present

May meeting minutes accepted

Treasurers Report: Waiting on final number on festival. At the September meeting, we will have all the updated festival numbers and returns. Beginning balance of \$61,474.23 + \$38,040.00 deposits + \$360.00 electronic deposit - \$760.00 checks pd – \$3.00 bank service charges, leaving an ending balance of \$99,111.23. Some quick festival cost numbers (will have full breakdown in September):

+/- \$18,000.00 Amherst field rental & Porta potties

+/- \$2,000.00 Police detail

Officials usually cost us +/- \$80,000.00 for festival.

At September meeting we will talk more about officials pay. Looking into increasing pay for all levels by \$5.00. Chris talked about 2026 penalties for doing games with only (1) official. Refs will be suspended if they play the game (without prior approval). A discussion ensued regarding fairness.

Motion to accept treasurers report accepted.

Boys VP: The season was pretty light on problems and issues. Most games were played. The festival went pretty good and uneventful as well. Londonderry 10U left festival after 1st game and didn't tell anyone! Mike stressed that coaches cannot run your programs as you as administrators need to make sure coaches follow the rules etc. Ryan from Amherst asked if we have ever polled the program admins or parents regarding the festival or season. A discussion ensued about communication. (469) game change fines (changed game within 72 hrs. / not because of weather etc.) A discussion about possibly reducing games from 8 to 7. Suggestions were noted and moved to the fall where rule change proposals could be submitted at that time.

Girls VP: No ejections of girls' side at festival. There were some issues but it was not awful. 8U to 10U parents and coaches need to real it in (out of control). Jill talked about education & better communication with coaches and parents. The group noted that these age groups are consistently causing issues.

July 1st every player needs to be age verified through US Lacrosse. Get ahead of it and start the process as soon as you can for next year.

Grants are open with USA Lacrosse. If interested, do them now.

Discussion about paying officials in a timely manner.

Kevin asked for admins to update game and field locations so they reflect on the website, especially in the event that the location has changed venues. The group talked about training coaches and the importance of knowing the rules. Putting adult refs on younger games was discussed as a deterrent to some poor coach and parent behavior.

Officials Coordinator: Festival issues with 8U and 10U again this year. Coaches should go to rules meeting and be better educated. We need to find a way to address the issues at the younger ages better as a group. It has been a consistent problem with both girls and boys.

Training new officials was discussed to be more practical to NHYLA. Asked towns to reach out to the whole list of officials when trying to get your youth / second official. Need to have field monitors to watch parents, coaches, etc. at each game. Need to have a designated person to do the clock, etc. If there are any issues with officials please actively tell Jay in the future so he can fix the issues.

President: Official training was discussed. Looking to tweak things going forward. Kevin spoke about the fines that were imposed on game change requests. Game changes within (1) wk. – 72 hours \$100.00 fee and within (72) hrs. \$200 fee for non-weather-related game changes. These fines were voted in by the programs. A fine email will go out to all those that owe money soon. (469) game changes totaled >\$10,000.00 in fines this season alone!!! Kevin talked about the profit sharing at the festival. NHYLA will get a check for \$27,000.00 from Fine Designs alone. Others will be tallied and discussed in September but overall, most vendors had great success over the course of the festival weekend. Kevin talked more about education for coaches, players, etc. in 2026.

Coaches' behavior was pretty good this year. September 18th will be our next meeting. Kevin talked about creating a position for a girl's official coordinator and a boy's official coordinator (not one for both / Jay G does both now). Will talk again about this in the fall.

A closing discussion about turf fields and scheduling games next spring then ensued. The group was urged to block fields early in your season for better scheduling (if field concerns).

Old Business: Sportsmanship award for both girls and boys discussed. Send nomination to this board. Ryon O'Toole from Amherst talked about Sports engine and issues with it. Ryan wants to look at changing from Sports engine to a better option. Sprocket sports is an option he spoke about. He wants to revisit in fall to consider changing. He also volunteered to take the lead on a survey regarding a handful of issues. He will work with Kevin to come up with the survey questions and take the lead on this over the summer.

Dan Jendrick will be retiring from helping at the NHYLA festival. He has been a staple manning the clock for well over a decade. Huge THANK YOU to Dan and all he has meant to the success of the festival and youth lacrosse in general.

New Business: None

Motion to Adjourn passed